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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.—Plague rats found at San Francisco and Oakland.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, October 28, 29, and 31 and November 4:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

*Week ended October 31.*

A plague-infected rat (*Mus rattus*) was found October 23, 1908, in Second street, between Brannan and Townsend streets.

Date of last case of plague.....	Sickened, January 30, 1908
Sick inspected .....	9
Dead inspected.....	119
Necropsies held .....	5
Premises inspected .....	15,014
Houses disinfected .....	103
Houses destroyed .....	1
Buildings condemned.....	11
Nuisances abated.....	1,445
Rats found dead.....	144
Rats trapped.....	3,041
Total rats taken .....	3,185
Rats identified:	
<i>Mus norvegicus</i> .....	1,927
<i>Mus rattus</i> .....	63
<i>Mus musculus</i> .....	1,088
Total .....	3,078
Rats examined bacteriologically .....	1,782
Rat infected with <i>bacillus pestis</i> .....	1
Poisons placed .....	131,526

OAKLAND, CAL.

*Week ended October 24.*

Dead inspected.....	22
Rats trapped.....	221
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	201

*Week ended October 31.*

A plague-infected rat was found October 30 in Webster street (Chinatown), Oakland.

Dead inspected.....	25
Rats trapped.....	183
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	149
Rat infected with bacillus pestis.....	1
Mice trapped.....	13
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	13

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended October 24.*

Dead inspected.....	3
Premises inspected.....	519
Nuisances abated.....	28
Rats found dead.....	15
Rats trapped.....	37
Poisons placed.....	22,600

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended October 24.*

Sick inspected.....	13
Dead inspected.....	55

*Week ended October 31.*

Sick inspected.....	10
Dead inspected.....	53
Necropsies held.....	1

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended October 24.*

Squirrels caught.....	96
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	96
Rats trapped.....	9
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	9

*Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson, Plague Laboratory, reports, October 27:

Animals examined in the laboratory from October 19 to 25, inclusive:

Squirrels.....	191
Gray rats.....	235
Black rats.....	26
Gambel pocket mouse.....	27

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.